

Aviation minister urges joint efforts to make Biman profitable, passenger-friendly

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Dhaka: Civil Aviation and Tourism Minister Afroza Khanam has called on Biman Bangladesh Airlines officials and employees to collectively transform the national carrier into a profitable and passenger-friendly organization.

The minister made these remarks as chief guest during a view-exchange meeting held at the airline's headquarter, Balaka, in Kurmitola of the capital today, March 30. State Minister for Civil Aviation and Tourism M. Rashiduzzaman Millat also attended the event as a special guest.

"We have come to cooperate with you," Minister Khanam told the attendees. "Your salaries come from the money of ordinary passengers. Therefore, it is your moral responsibility to show due respect to them."

She further noted that performance-based promotion mechanisms would

be introduced and expressed optimism about filling existing vacancies and raising salaries to satisfactory levels.

State Minister Millat echoed the sentiment, saying the government intends to make Biman a model institution.

The meeting reviewed short- and long-term development plans for the airline. Key agenda items included the expedited addition of new aircraft to the fleet, increasing the availability of wheelchairs for elderly and special-needs passengers, and improving connectivity between domestic and international flights.

Following the meeting, both ministers visited the Biman Flight Catering Center (BFCC) to inspect hygiene and cleanliness standards.

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